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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Guolin Xu et al.

Date: August 21, 2006

Serial No.: 10/535,334

Int'l. Appln. No.: PCT/SG03/00261

Int'l. Filing Date: 10 November 2003

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CELL AND/OR NUCLEIC ACID
MOLECULES ISOLATION**VIA FACSIMILE (571 273-0459)**

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ATTN: Office of PCT Legal Administration**RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)**

Sir:

In response to the Notice Of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. §371, mailed September 23, 2005 with regard to the above-identified application, applicants' representative submitted, on March 21, 2006 (via facsimile) a "Response to Notification of Missing Requirements" which included, inter alia, an inventors' declaration executed by each of the named co-inventors of this application, except Dennis L. Polla, as well as a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.46(a) with supporting declarations and exhibits relating to the missing signature of co-inventor Polla.

A Decision On Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) was mailed by the Office on May 19, 2006. A copy of that Decision is attached hereto. According to the Decision, applicants' Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) was dismissed without prejudice. The Decision stated that, due to the fact that applicants submitted a compilation of a number of declarations executed by all of the available joint inventors, instead of submitting these declarations as individual declarations, the requirement for submission of an oath or declaration executed by the other inventors on behalf of themselves and the non-signing inventor was not properly fulfilled. The decision also stated that applicants' petition papers did not provide the required evidence that the complete application papers and a request for signature were sent to the last known address of the inventor.

Accordingly, therefore, submitted herewith as Attachment 1 are nine (9) separate declarations. Eight of these declarations are executed by one of the named co-inventors of this case. The ninth such declaration, i.e., of Dennis L. Polla, is unsigned. This submission is thus

believed to meet the requirement under MPEP §201.03 (II) (B) for the submission of individual declarations.

With regard to the second requirement noted above, i.e. that of demonstrating (with documentary evidence) that the complete application papers and a request for signature have been delivered to the non-signing inventor at his last known address, Attachment 2 submitted herewith is a Supplementary Declaration of Winnie Chua in Support of Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) which provides the required showing, wherein such showing is completely supported by documentary evidence provided as Exhibits A-F submitted with the declaration. The evidence included in the body of the declaration, and in the accompany exhibits is believed to meet all of the requirements under MPEP §409.03(d).

Pursuant to the submissions of Attachments 1 and 2 (with Exhibits A-F), the granting of applicants' petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a), originally filed on March 21, 2006, is respectfully requested.

The Decision mailed on May 19, 2006 notes that applicants have already submitted the required petition fee. However, in the event the actual fee is greater than the payment submitted or is inadvertently not enclosed or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge the underpayment to Deposit Account #15-0700.

If this communication is filed after the time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted by Facsimile to (571) 273-8300 addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, ATTN: Office of PCT Legal Administration on the date indicated below.

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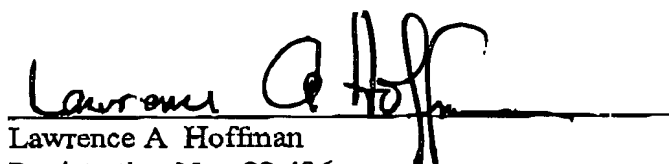

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Respectfully submitted,


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DECISION ON PETITION UNDER OFGB FILE NO 37 CFR 1.47(a)	
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This decision is issued in response to applicants' "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)" filed 21 March 2006. Applicant has submitted the required petition fee.

BACKGROUND

On 10 November 2003, applicants filed international application PCT/SG2003/000261. The application claimed a priority date of 18 November 2002 and designated the United States. On 03 June 2004, the International Bureau (IB) communicated a copy of the international application to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The deadline for submission of the basic national fee was thirty months from the priority date, i.e., 18 May 2005.

On 18 May 2005, applicants filed a Transmittal Letter for entry into the national stage in the United States accompanied by, among other materials, payment of the basic national fee.

On 23 September 2005, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a Notification Of Missing Requirement (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating that an executed declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 and the surcharge for filing the declaration later than thirty months after the priority date was required.

On 21 March 2006, applicants filed a response to the Notification Of Missing Requirements (with required extension fee) that included the required surcharge, a partially executed declaration document, and the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) considered herein. The petition seeks acceptance of the application without the signature of inventor Dennis Lee POLLA, whom applicants argue has refused to execute the application.

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DISCUSSION

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) must be accompanied by: (1) the fee under 37 CFR 1.17; (2) a statement of the last known address of the nonsigning inventor; (3) an oath or declaration executed by the other inventors on behalf of themselves and the nonsigning inventor; and (4) factual proof that the inventor refuses to execute the application or cannot be reached after diligent effort.

Here, applicants have filed the required petition fee, and the petition expressly states the last known address of the nonsigning inventor. Items (1) and (2) are therefore satisfied.

Regarding item (3), section 409.03(a) of the Manual of Patent Examining Practice (MPEP) states that:

An oath or declaration signed by all the available joint inventors with the signature block of the nonsigning inventor(s) left blank may be treated as having been signed by all the joint inventors on behalf of the nonsigning inventor(s), unless otherwise indicated.

Applicants here have filed an eight-page declaration executed by eight of the nine inventors and containing an unsigned signature block for the nonsigning inventor, Dennis Lee POLLA. However, this eight-page declaration appears to be a compilation of a number of different copies of a three-page declaration; the compilation is evident from the fact that the declaration document includes two copies of page 1, four copies of page 2, and two copies of page 3. The declaration is therefore not acceptable under 37 CFR 1.497 (see MPEP § 201.03(II)(B): "Where individual declarations are executed, they must be submitted as individual declarations rather than combined into one declaration."). Item (3) is therefore not satisfied.

Regarding item (4), MPEP section 409.03(d) states that "[a] copy of the application papers should be sent to the last known address of the nonsigning inventor, or, if the nonsigning inventor is represented by counsel, to the address of the nonsigning inventor's attorney." The MPEP also states the following:

Where a refusal of the inventor to sign the application papers is alleged, the circumstances of the presentation of the application papers and of the refusal must be specified in a statement of facts by the person who presented the inventor with the application papers and/or to whom the refusal was made. Statements by a party not present when an oral refusal is made will not be accepted.

Here, applicants provided a statement of facts from Jacqueline WONG, with supporting documents, which includes an email from the nonsigning inventor dated 20 August 2005 in which the inventor states that he would be happy to sign the documents if a copy of these materials, as well as a copy of the US Application, was mailed to him at his U.S. permanent residence. Applicants have also provided a statement from Winnie CHU, with supporting documents, which describes the efforts made to obtain the inventor's signature after receipt of

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the 20 August 2005 email. These subsequent efforts involve additional email communications to the inventor, including an email to which a copy of the application was attached. However, applicants have provided no evidence that a copy of the complete application papers, with a request for signature, was sent to the last known address of the inventor, as required by the MPEP and as specifically requested by the inventor in his 20 August 2005 email.

Before item (4) can be considered satisfied, applicants must provide the required firsthand evidence (with documentary support) demonstrating that the complete application papers and a request for signature have been delivered to the nonsigning inventor at his last known address, and that the inventor has refused to execute the application papers.

CONCLUSION

Applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.

If reconsideration on the merits of the petition is desired, a proper response must be filed within **TWO (2) MONTHS** of the mail date of the present decision. Any request for reconsideration should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)" and must include the materials required to satisfy items (3) and (4) of a grantable petition, as discussed above. No additional petition fee is required.

Failure to file a proper response will result in abandonment of the application. Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Please direct further correspondence with respect to this matter to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.



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ATTACHMENT 1

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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<p>As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, past office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:</p> <p><u>Method and System for Cell and/or Nucleic Acid Molecules Isolation</u></p> <p>the specification of which is attached hereto, unless the following box is checked:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> was filed on <u>18 May 2005</u> as United States patent Application Number or PCT International patent application number _____ and was amended on _____ (if any).</p> <p>I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.</p> <p>I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56. I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or United States provisional application(s) listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:</p> <p>Prior Foreign or Provisional Application(s)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>COUNTRY</th> <th>APPLICATION NUMBER</th> <th>DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)</th> <th>PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>YES ___ NO ___</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>YES ___ NO ___</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>YES ___ NO ___</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>UNITED STATES APPLICATION NUMBER</th> <th>DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)</th> <th>STATUS (patented, pending, abandoned)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>I hereby appoint customer no. 2352 OSTROLENK, FABER, GERS & SOFFEN, LLP, and the members of the firm, Samuel H. 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No. 31,645, as attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application, to transact all business in the Patent & Trademark Office connected therewith and to receive all correspondence.</p> <p>SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO: OSTROLENK, FABER, GERS & SOFFEN, LLP 1180 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10036-8403 CUSTOMER NO. 2352</p> <p>DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS TO: (212) 382-0700</p> <p>I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>FULL NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR Guolin XU</td> <td>INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE</td> <td>DATE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RESIDENCE (City and either State or Foreign Country) Singapore</td> <td colspan="2">COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP China</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">POST OFFICE ADDRESS Blk 436 Woodlands St 41 #12-398, Singapore 730436</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FULL NAME OF SECOND JOINT INVENTOR (IF ANY) Pei-Lin MAO</td> <td>INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE</td> <td>DATE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RESIDENCE (City and either State or Foreign Country) Hong Kong</td> <td colspan="2">COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP Canada</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">POST OFFICE ADDRESS 12 Sandy Bay Road, Hongkong</td> </tr> </table>			COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119				YES ___ NO ___				YES ___ NO ___				YES ___ NO ___	UNITED STATES APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	STATUS (patented, pending, abandoned)										FULL NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR Guolin XU	INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE	DATE	RESIDENCE (City and either State or Foreign Country) Singapore	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP China		POST OFFICE ADDRESS Blk 436 Woodlands St 41 #12-398, Singapore 730436			FULL NAME OF SECOND JOINT INVENTOR (IF ANY) Pei-Lin MAO	INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE	DATE	RESIDENCE (City and either State or Foreign Country) Hong Kong	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP Canada		POST OFFICE ADDRESS 12 Sandy Bay Road, Hongkong		
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SUPPLEMENTARY DECLARATION OF WINNIE CHUA
IN SUPPORT OF PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)

Sir:

I, Winnie Chua, DECLARE as follows:

1. I am the same individual who provided a previous declaration in this matter, dated March 21, 2006 which, I understand, was filed to support a Petition (the "Petition") submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office requesting acceptance of the above-identified application for examination, despite the refusal of one of the named co-inventors, Dennis Lee Polla, to execute the application.
2. I understand from outside patent counsel that the United States Patent and Trademark Office dismissed the Petition, without prejudice, due to the fact that the supporting documentation provided with the Petition did not include, *inter alia*, a showing that the complete application was delivered to Dennis Lee Polla at his last known address, and that he thereafter refused to execute the application papers. This declaration is, therefore, being submitted for the purpose of providing the evidence required in order for the Patent Office to reconsider the Petition.
3. On June 22, 2006, in my capacity as Manager of Exploit Technologies Pte, Ltd., which, as noted in ¶1 of my prior declaration, is the intellectual property management office of the Agency of Science, Technology and Research (ASTAR), the Assignee of the present application, using DHL Courier service, I forwarded a complete set of the

application papers to Dennis Lee Polla at his last known address, i.e., 2830 Hillscourte South, Roseville, MN 55113. A copy of my transmittal letter is included as **Exhibit A** to this declaration. As stated in the letter, the materials forwarded to Dennis Lee Polla included two copies of the application together with two copies of a Declaration and two copies of an Assignment form. Dennis Lee Polla was requested to execute the Declaration and the Assignment and return them to me for submission to our U.S. counsel. The remaining materials were meant to be maintained by Dennis Lee Polla for his records.

4. Attached as **Exhibit B** to this declaration is a copy of the courier status report obtained from DHL's internet website which evidences the delivery of my June 22, 2006 letter to Dennis Lee Polla and the accompanying documents on June 26, 2006.
5. On July 24, 2006, I received a letter from Prof. Polla acknowledging receipt of my June 22, 2006 letter and the accompanying materials. Attached **Exhibit C** is a copy of Prof. Polla's letter. In his letter, Prof. Polla requested a copy of the most recently amended claims filed with the USPTO.
6. I responded to Prof. Polla's July 12, 2006 letter on July 25, 2006 (attached **Exhibit D**). Accompanying my letter was a copy of the application as it was submitted to the U.S. Patent Office. In my letter, I also requested Prof. Polla to execute and return the documents which accompanied my original letter of June 22 (**Exhibit A**) within one week of receipt.
7. **Exhibit D** and the accompanying documents were sent by courier. Attached **Exhibit E** is a copy of the courier status report obtained from DHL's internet website which evidences the delivery of my July 25, 2006 letter and the accompanying documents to Prof. Polla on July 28, 2006.
8. In addition to the set of documents I sent to Prof. Polla by courier on July 26, 2006, I also sent a duplicate set of the materials described above to him via Registered Mail. This was sent on the same date as the Courier package. A copy of the postal receipt evidencing transmittal of the materials by such registered mail is attached to this Declaration as **Exhibit F**.
9. Despite my request that Prof. Polla return the executed documents by courier, to date, I have not received the executed documents, nor have I been contacted in any manner by Prof. Polla with an explanation of why he has not, or will not execute the documents.
10. I further declare that all statements made herein are made of my own knowledge and are true, except for those statements made on information and belief, which are believed to be true, and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements

and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this declaration and any United States patent issuing therefrom.

Signature: WIMYIB CUNA

Date: 17 AUGUST 2006

EXHIBIT A

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Our File Ref: IBN/P/1350/2588/US

We refer to the subject patent application and our emails of 25 Aug 2005, 15 September 2005 and 14 October 2005.

As you may recall that we have tried contacting you via emails to have you execute the Declaration and Assignment, we do not appear to have heard from you. Thereafter, to maintain this patent application alive, we have filed a Petition for non-signing inventor.

Currently, as part of the reconsideration by the USPTO, we write to you via courier in hope that you receive this letter and following papers –

1. Two copies of the subject patent application (for your records)
2. Two copies of the declaration to be executed by your good self (original of executed copy to be returned to Exploit Technologies Pte Ltd; the other copy for your records)
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Please date and sign items (2) and (3) where required and forward these executed papers by courier directly to Exploit Technologies Pte Ltd, which is the commercialization arm of Agency for Science, Technology and Research being the assignee of the subject patent application within one week of receipt from the date of this letter. Exploit Technologies Pte Ltd's address is as appended

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A confirmation copy of this letter and enclosures would also reach you via registered mail.

Sincerely yours,

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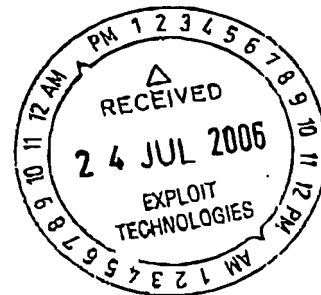
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12 July 2006

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Re: US Application No: 10/535,334

Dear Ms. Chua:

This is to acknowledge your letter dated 22 June 2006 which was signed for by my wife on 14 July 2006. I also note you have included an international patent application dated 3 June 2004.

Your letter cites emails of 25 Aug 2005, 15 Sep 2005, and 14 Oct 2005. Please know email is not commonly recognized as reliable for legal matters in the United States. I have not maintained all of my email accounts particularly those used when I lived in Singapore.

In order to move forward with your request dated 22 June 2006, I would like to receive a copy of the U.S. patent application filed on 18 May 2005. Since this filing is now over two years old, I would also like to receive a copy of the most recently amended claims filed with the USPTO, if any.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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United States of America**ORIGINAL**

Dear Prof Polla,

RE: US Application No: 10/535,334
Entitled: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CELL AND/OR NUCLEIC ACID
MOLECULES ISOLATION
Our File Ref: IBN/P/1350/2588/US

We refer to your letter of 12 July 2006.

As requested in your letter, we would inform that the US patent application filed on 18 May 2005 is exactly based on the PCT patent application which was forwarded to you in our letter of 22 June 2006 except the attached amendments made at the time of filing of the US patent application. The specification and amendments are attached as part of this letter.

Please date and sign the documents in our letter of 22 June 2006 where required and forward these executed papers by courier directly to Exploit Technologies Pte Ltd, which is the commercialization arm of Agency for Science, Technology and Research being the assignee of the subject patent application within one week of receipt from the date of this letter. Exploit Technologies Pte Ltd's address is as appended –

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